GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3
ANSWERED ON:13.02.2009
ADOPTION OF CHILDREN
Jindal Shri Naveen

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of children adopted by the Indians and foreigners during each of the last three years and the current year, separately;

(b) whether the adoption of children is declining in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the Government has received complaints regarding cumbersome formalities for adoption of children; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government to simplify the process of adoption?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) As per the information available from Recognized Indian Placement Agencies and Shishu Grehs`, the number of children adopted by Indians and Non-resident Indian [NRI], Overseas Citizen of India [OCI], Persons of Indian Origin [PIO] and foreigners, during the years from 2005 to 2008 is given in the annexure. However, the data does not include adoption from other licensed agencies in the states.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The Guidelines for In-country adoption 2004 and Guidelines for Adoption from India 2006 are governing the adoption related matters. These guidelines are reviewed, from time to time, in order to simplify the adoption process.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3 for 13.2.2009 by Shri Naveen Jindal regarding `Adoption of Children`

Details of number of children adopted by Indians and Non-resident Indian [NRI], Overseas Citizen of India [OCI], Persons of Indian Origin [PIO] and foreigners, during the years from 2005 to 2008

Year	In-country adoption	Inter-country adoption {NOCs issud by Central Adoption Resources Agency (CARA) }	Total of [a] and [b]
2005	2284	867	3151
2006	2409	853	3262
2007	2494	770	3264
2008	2100#	823	2923

#Data likely to increase as information in respect of some of CARA associated agencies is still awaited.